

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MARCH 26, 2012

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session, Monday, March 26, 2012 with Commissioners, Marvin Cole, Ken Masters, Deborah Adams, Auditor, and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance. Commission Tom Barnes was absent.

Commissioner Ken Masters called the meeting to order, Marvin Cole made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2012 meeting as presented. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLERK

Debbie Richardson, Clerk, reported that the House Districts had changed and that she had did a recent mailing to clean up the voter registration records. Richardson noted that 2,000 changes had been returned and that the postage was paid from the election fund and not from the general fund.

E.C.D.C.

Jim Finan, E.C.D.C. Executive Director, informed the commissioners that the City of Rushville has joined in to share their support of the program entitled "Indiana Livestock Friendly County"

John Saxon asked what does "Livestock Friendly" mean and if the commissioners will vote on this during their hearing April 9th.

Jim Finan responded that he would prefer to go into complete details during the actual hearing on April 9th. Ken Masters did say that, the commissioners would not be voting regarding their support for or against "Indiana Livestock Friendly County". April 9th is only a public hearing and is not for voting.

HOGAN PROPERTY IN MANILLA

Becky Dulworth of Faith Community Church of Manilla, appeared before the commissioners to again discuss the John and Bonita Hogan property located at 9356 W Pearl Street in Manilla.

Dulworth explained that the church has contacted the Hogan's and they have indicated that they do not want the property. Dulworth asked the county to forgive the \$774.17 taxes and penalties, along with the \$6,402.29 sewage lien filed by Western Rush County Sewer District.

Deborah Adams explained to Dulworth the process that the county and the Sewer District would need to follow. Adams explained that the property has been on several tax sales without any public interest of purchasing.

SHERIFF

Jeff Sherwood, Sheriff, reported forty-five (45) inmates currently incarcerated in the Rush County jail.

Sherwood reported that the double wall of the generator fuel tank has a leak of the inner wall. The tank is being replaced.

Sherwood has met with Bituminous Insurance and gone over the 2011 jail inspection report to clarify questions.

HIGHWAY

Jerry Sitton, Highway Superintendent, had nothing to report. Commissioner Ken Masters questioned Sitton if the department did the maintenance on the railroad markings. Sitton stated that the department has always maintained the railroad markings.

EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE

Jerry Sitton, Committee Chairman, provided a six (6) month review of the employee health insurance committee meeting with APEX. Sitton reported that overall it was pretty good, but not as good as expected. The county and employees are looking at a 10% increase in renewal premium and employee cost during the August contract renewal. Sitton did note that the national average was a 24% increase over last year.

AUDITOR

Deborah Adams, Auditor, received approval for payroll claims ending March 30, 2012 on a motion by Marvin Cole. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Biweekly claims were presented. Adams informed the commissioners that the treasurer had submitted a late claim in the amount of \$4,959.24 payable to L & D Mail Master Inc., for the printing and mailing of the county property tax statements. Adams asked that this be allowed and approved so that printing of statements would not be delayed for another two weeks. Marvin Cole made the motion to approve the amended claim allowance docket. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2012-3 to amend the county employee personnel policy handbook was approved on a motion by Marvin Cole. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FORMER JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL PROPERTY ON PERKINS STREET

Marvin Cole made the motion to sign the warranty deed and sales disclosure conveying the property (Lots 15, 16, 17 and 18 of George Clark's First Addition to the City of Rushville, Parcel #70-07-32-357-001.000-011) to Phoenix Lodge #62 Trustees. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

I-T

Ken Masters shared that Randy Herbert, I-T technician has approached the commissioners that he has been replacing county computers. Herbert is holding three (3) computers as backup and would like permission to give the others to needy service organizations.

Marvin Cole made the motion to relocate the computers once all programs and information is removed from the computers. Ken Masters seconded the motion. John Saxon asked if there will be a vote on who receives the computers. Ken Masters responded no.

WIND FARMS

John Saxon asked the commissioners if any of them had attended a May 10, 2011 meeting on the discussion of wind farms. Ken Masters responded that he had attended. Saxon discussed that a "Road Use Agreement" must be applied for and in place. Saxon asked the commissioners has any permitting been applied for in this regards. Commissioner Cole responded, "Not to his knowledge"

Ken Masters shared that he had talked to Henry county the previous week and they are in what is called a "silent period". John Saxon asked Masters to share his views on what a "silent period" is. Masters encouraged Saxon to wait as commissioner Barnes has asked Jim Finan of E.C.D.C. to give a formal updated presentation on the status of the wind mill turbines.

Motion to adjourn was received from Marvin Cole. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

/s/Tom Barnes

Tom Barnes, Chairman

/s/Marvin Cole

Marvin Cole

/s/Ken Masters

Ken Masters

ATTEST:

/s/Deborah C. Adams

Deborah C. Adams, Auditor